

# Allies in the Fight: Partnering to Defeat Silica

*A Joint Labor, Management, and Regulatory Experience*

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Best Practices in Workplace Surveillance:

Identification and Tracking of Workplace Injury, Illness, Exposures, and Hazards

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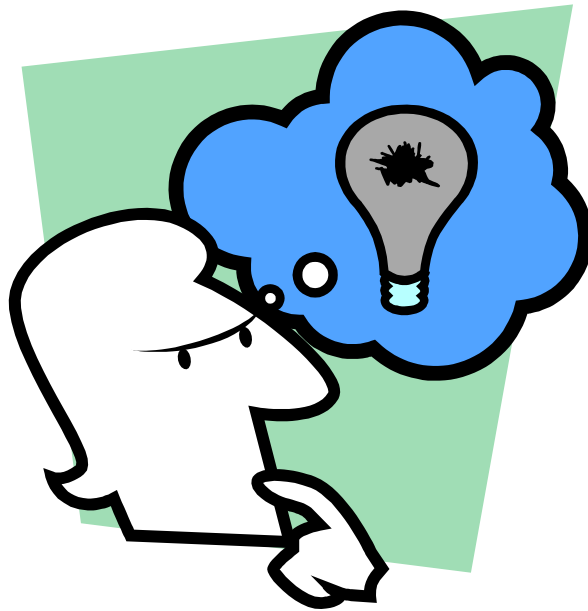
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# The Problem

- Respirator Standard Provisions
  - Medical Clearance
  - Fit Testing
  - Maintenance
  - Training
- Labor Turnover and Cost
  - Difficult for Large Companies to Keep Up
  - Near Impossible for Small Companies to Comply

# The Seed



# The Result

- Partnership Formed
  - Pointers, Cleaners and Caulkers Union
    - Local 52 of the I.U.B.A.C.
  - Tuckpointing Contractors Association
  - OSHA Calumet City Area Office
- Cooperative Solution to the Problem

# Local 52

- Provided for ~1,000 Members (April 2000)
  - Medical Evaluation, Including Spirometry
  - Quantitative Fit Testing
  - Full-Face Negative Pressure Air-Purifying Respirator with HEPA/N100 Filters
  - Training
    - Use and Storage
    - Care and Maintenance
  - Card, Indicating Fitness and Training

# Local 52

- 3M 6000 Series



- TSI PortaCount



# Tuckpointing Contractors

- Still Responsible for Respirator Program
  - Site Specific
  - Evaluated
- Still Responsible for Trying to Reduce Exposures
- Responsible for Costs

# OSHA

- Provided Training for Contractors on Responsibilities of Respirator Standard
- Silica Special Emphasis Program (SEP)
  - Expects Tuckpointers To Be In Compliance
  - Little Tolerance If Not
- Would Like to Look at Spirometry Data



# The Results

- Local 52
  - Better Health
  - Better Eye and Respiratory Protection
- Tuckpointer Contractors
  - Assistance in Complying with the SEP and Respirator Standard
- OSHA
  - Better Compliance
  - Health Data, Possibly

# The Future





**Questions?**

THANK  
YOU

